

## Abstract of the Disclosure

Products prepared from polycarboxylic anhydrides and active hydrogen-  
5 functionalized elastomeric polymers, in particular polyoxyalkyleneamines, are  
suitable as builder components (prepolymers) for epoxy resin compositions. The  
reaction products are distinguished by having a plurality of carboxyl groups, but no  
imide groups, in each molecule. The reaction products may optionally be further  
reacted with epoxy resins and may optionally be formulated together with polymers  
10 having at least one glass transition temperature of  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$  or lower and epoxy-reactive  
groups and/or reaction products of said polymers with epoxy resins to provide resin  
systems useful in adhesives. Such adhesive formulations may additionally contain  
liquid and/or solid epoxy resins and/or hardeners and/or accelerators and/or fillers  
and/or and/or other impact-modifying components and/or rheology auxiliaries. Such  
15 compositions exhibit excellent shelf life and are particularly suitable as impact-  
resistant and peel-resistant adhesives in vehicle construction and in electronics.  
Particularly at very low temperatures, these adhesives exhibit very good impact and  
peel properties combined with very good corrosion resistance and aging resistance  
of the adhesive bond.